

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-12 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art alone or in combination discloses a power converter comprising an inductor and a controllable switch coupled to the inductor, a switch controller for supplying a periodic switching signal with a repetition time and a duty cycle to the controllable switch to generate a periodical inductor current through the inductor, a generator for generating an emulated signal based on timing information representing the repetition time and the duty cycle to emulate a current signal being representative of the inductor current, a comparator for comparing the emulated signal with the current signal to obtain an error signal, and a generator controller for receiving the error signal to supply a control signal to the generator for adapting a property of the emulated signal to become substantially equal to a property of the current signal (in claim 1).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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